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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN BAHRAIN (AND, WE THINK IN THE LOWER GULF) THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO HOLD A SIX WEEK INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION IN BAHRAIN NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER 30, 1976. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN BOTH THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND THE BAHRAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A LARGE CHINESE TEAM RECENTLY VISITED BAHRAIN IN ORDER TO WIN THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOB TO THIS EXHIBITION. FYI: ACCORDING TO RECENTLY RELEASED TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1975, THE PRC WAS, FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, THE FOURTH LARGEST SUPPLIER OF IMPORTS TO BAHRAIN (WITH 6 PERCENT OF THE MARKET VALUED AT \$36 MILLION). ABOUT FORTY PERCENT OF THE PRC IMPORTS ARE

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